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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

> "Rule 155
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> "The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions consisting of sixteen members, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.
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> "Rule 156
>
> "The members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland)*
Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire)*
Mr. Michiel W. H. Crom (Netherlands)**
Mr. Homero Luis Hernandez (Dominican Republic)***
Ms. Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica)**

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Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation)***
Mr. Felipe Mabilangan (Philippines)*
Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados)*
Mr. Thomas Mazet (Germany)***
Ms. Susan M. McLurg (United States of America)***
Mr. C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)*
Mr. Rajat Saha (India)**
Ms. Sun Minqin (China)**
Mr. Nicholas A. Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**
Mr. Jun Yamazaki (Japan)**
Mr. Mounir Zahran (Egypt)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Abraszewski, Mr. Ahounou, Mr. Mabilangan, Mr. Maycock and Mr. Mselle will expire on 31 December 2003, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, to appoint five persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2004.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-eighth session.

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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

> "**Rule 158**
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> "The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members.
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> "**Rule 159**
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> "The members of the Committee on Contributions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Contributions at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)*
Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania)*
Mr. Henry S. Fox (Australia)**
Mr. Chinmaya R. Gharekhan (India)*
Mr. Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay)**
Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto (Brazil)***
Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria)**

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Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine)*
Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina)**
Mr. Omar Kadiri (Morocco)**
Mr. Gebhard Benjamin Kandanga (Namibia)*
Mr. David A. Leis (United States of America)*
Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation)***
Mr. Bernard G. Meijerman (Netherlands)***
Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea)***
Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal)**
Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy)***
Mr. Wu Gang (China)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Akimoto, Mr. Dumitriu, Mr. Gharekhan, Mr. Humenny, Mr. Kandanga and Mr. Leis will expire on 31 December 2003, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2004.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-eighth session.

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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 55/248 of 12 April 2001, the General Assembly amended its resolution 74 (I) of 7 December 1946.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 55/248 state:

> "1. *Decides* that the term of office of the Board of Auditors shall be a non-consecutive term of office of six years' duration starting on 1 July 2002;
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> "2. *Decides* also, for the transitional arrangements, to approve alternative 1 in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] whereby only the appointment of the Auditor-General of South Africa will be extended until 30 June 2006 and the other members elected under the current procedure shall be eligible for re-election."

3. Accordingly, the present membership of the Board of Auditors is the following:

The First President of the Court of Accounts of France*
The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines***
The Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa**

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2004.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2006.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2008.

4. Since the term of office of the First President of the Court of Accounts of France will expire on 30 June 2004, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its fifty-eighth session, to fill the resulting vacancy by the appointment, as a

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member of the Board, of the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State. The Auditor thus appointed will serve for a period of six years, beginning on 1 July 2004.

5. The three members of the Board have joint responsibility for the external audit of the United Nations (including the International Court of Justice, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna and United Nations peacekeeping activities and special missions), the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the voluntary funds administered by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, the International Trade Centre, the United Nations University and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

6. At the present time, audit assignments are shared among the audit staff provided from the audit services of the members of the Board on an equal basis. In order to fulfil those shared responsibilities, each member provides approximately 20 Professional officers for approximately four months each year, in addition to the full-time Director.

7. To enable the Board to carry out its mandate through the integration of audit planning, execution and reporting and to enhance the development of common audit standards and professional practices, an Audit Operations Committee was established comprising three full-time Directors of External Audit, located at Headquarters, representing each member of the Board. The members of the Board are expected to be available for approximately two weeks each year, in June and November, for meetings of the Board and the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, each member has to be available for whatever consultations are necessary throughout the year with the members of the Administration, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and other governing bodies.

8. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the name of a Member State whose Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, was recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-eighth session.

Notes

[1] A/55/796, para. 11.

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Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund provides as follows:

> "**Article 20**
>
> "**Investments Committee**
>
> "The Investments Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the [United Nations Joint Staff Pension] Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia)*
Ms. Francine J. Bovich (United States of America)***
Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico)*
Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan)***
Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland)**
Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe (Ghana)**
Mr. J. Y. Pillay (Singapore)*
Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany)**
Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

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3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Abdullatif, Mr. Chico Pardo and Mr. Pillay will expire on 31 December 2003, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of three persons to fill these vacancies. The persons so confirmed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2004.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for confirmation. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-eighth session.

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Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 55/159 of 12 December 2000, the General Assembly amended the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949) as indicated below.

2. Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (General Assembly resolution 55/159) provides:

> "1. The Tribunal shall be composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State. Members shall possess the requisite qualifications and experience, including, as appropriate, legal qualifications and experience. Only three members shall sit in any particular case.
>
> "2. The members shall be appointed by the General Assembly for four years and may be reappointed once. A member appointed to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his or her predecessor's term, and may be reappointed once."

3. In paragraph 2 of its resolution 55/159, the General Assembly also decided that members serving on the Tribunal as at 1 January 2001 should have their current term of office extended by one year, and that thereafter, provided that they had not served on the Tribunal for more than seven years, they might be reappointed once.

4. The present membership of the Administrative Tribunal is the following:

Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina)*
Mr. Omer Yousif Bireedo (Sudan)**
Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis (Greece)**
Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel)*
Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland)***

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Ms. Jacqueline R. Scott (United States of America)***
Ms. Brigitte Stern (France)**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

5. Since the terms of office of Mr. Barboza and Mr. Gabay will expire on 31 December 2003, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session to appoint two persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of four years, beginning on 1 January 2004.

6. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-eighth session.